

## REMARKS

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough review of the Application and the interview courteously granted to Applicant's counsel on August 4, 2009. Consideration and allowance of all claims as amended are respectfully requested.

No new matter has been added by the amendments. The claims have been amended as agreed to clearly distinguish from the cited references and for clarity. The amendments to claims 1, 6, and 11 have support at least in Figure 2. New claims 18 and 19 have support at least in existing claims 3 and 4. New claims 20 – 23 contain the subject matter of existing claims, but have different dependencies.

Claims 1, 3 – 6, and 8 – 23 are now pending in the application, including independent Claims 1, 6, 11, 18, and 19.

All claims as amended are allowable over the cited references as agreed.

Applicant believes that all outstanding issues have been resolved and that the claims are now in condition for allowance. In the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call Applicant's counsel at the number given in the signature block below to resolve any remaining issues.

## **INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Applicant appreciates the in-person interview courteously granted by Examiner Ramsey and SPE Katherine Mitchell to Applicant's counsel Clifford D. Hyra on August 4, 2009. The parties discussed amendments to the claims to be submitted with an RCE that would clearly distinguish over the references of record. The parties reached agreement on claim language for the independent claims to make them clearly allowable over the references of record and the claims have been amended accordingly. The parties also reached agreement on minor amendments to clarify the claims and resolve informalities and ambiguities, which have also been made. The parties subsequently agreed on the wording of additional independent claims that are allowable over the references of record.

## **CONCLUSION**

Allowance of all claims as amended is respectfully requested.

Respectfully,



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